MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know whether there is not any other unoccupied land available for this purpose?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): That is the land selected after inspection by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Director of Agriculture and the Division Peishkar.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Are there no *poramboke* lands available in the neighbourhood?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I claim notice.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know whether there was any complaint from the Mahomedans of that area in regard to this matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I have no information.

Police Out-post at Kanjiramcolam in the Neyyattinkara taluk.

253. *MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received representations from the people for the establishment of a police out-post at Kanjiramcolam in the Neyyattinkara taluk, and, if so, what action was taken by Government?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): No.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know whether there was any report from the subordinates of the department stating the necessity for establishing an out-post?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): No, Sir.

Anti-Indian agitation in Ceylon.

254 *MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there is an anti-Indian agitation in Ceylon against the Malayalees in Ceylon; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they have taken any steps to protect and safeguard the interests of the Malayalees there?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Government of India have been addressed through the Agent to the Governor-General with a view to protect the interests of the Malayalee residents in Ceylon.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know when this Government addressed the Government of India?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): On the 7th October 1936.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know whether any reply has been received by this Government, and if so what?

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RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. The Government of India have asked the Agent in Ceylon to prepare a memorandum for the Immigration Commissioner.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know the nature of the agitation in Ceylon?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is reported that the Malayalees are treated badly and that the Singalese want to drive them out of Ceylon. There are a good number of Malayalee labourers, domestic servants, etc. The Singalese do not want them because they are unfair competitors.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether the Government are aware of the number of Travancorean residents in Ceylon?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, Sir. It is said that there are about 60 thousand Malayalees in Ceylon. How many Travancoreans there are I cannot say.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*): May I know, by whom was the enquiry conducted?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): By the Commissioner appointed by the Ceylon Government.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*): Have the Ceylon Government taken any step on that report?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government of India have written to say that the interests of all Malayalees will be safeguarded in the memorandum prepared by the Agent in Ceylon.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*): Have this Government done anything in the matter?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): We have addressed the Government of India pointing out the necessity to protect the interests of the Malayalees in Ceylon.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): When there is a cry of Travancore for Travancoreans, is it not legitimate that Ceylon also raises a cry for Singalese only in Ceylon?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) From the point of view of the Ceylonese it may be legitimate.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know what according to the information of this Government is the basis of the agitation?

RAO BAHADUR RAJASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Singalese probably want to see that

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all Malayalees are driven out of the island to provide employment to the Ceylonese. There is unemployment among the Singalese and the unemployed from them can take the place of the Malayalees if they are sent out of the country.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Was the agitation directed in any other way?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not know.

Breach in the road near the Anappad bridge.

255. ***MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara I*): Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to the breach in the road near the Anappad bridge in the Ooroottambalam-Malayinkil road (Neyyattinkara):

(*a*) when the breach first occurred;

(*b*) when they sanctioned the estimate for closing up the same;

(*c*) when the work was completed;

(*d*) whether the whole work was undone by the first rains that followed, and if so, how many days after the work was completed was the work washed away; and

(*e*) whether the work was re-started and if not, why not?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) Edavam 1108 M. E.

(*b*) Vrischikam 1111 M. E.

(*c*) Medam 1111 M. E.

(*d*) Owing to very heavy rains, a portion of the work was washed away about a month afterwards.

(*e*) No; pending sanction of estimate awaited from the Executive Engineer.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know whether any cart traffic is possible in the Anappad bridge?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I think, no.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. Question hour having expired, the other questions and answers as usual will be incorporated in the proceedings of the day.

Irrigation canals in the Neyyattinkara taluk.

256. ***MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara I*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the names of irrigation canals in the Neyyattinkara taluk, together with a statement showing the amount of money spent by the P. W. D. for the maintenance and improvement of each of those for the last three years (1109-1111)?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The member is referred to pages 161 to 171 of the printed statement of irrigation tanks and canals in the State attached to the report of the Minor Irrigation Committee placed on the table of

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